by different State Government in 1989; and

(ta) what is the quota of all these commodities sanctioned by Government, State-wise and commodity-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPF D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) A Statement indicating the required information is attached.

: CXLIV, Annexure No 13].

**Central Assistance *to* Madhya Pradesh for Drought**

421[ PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded Rs. 88.3 crores from the Central Gov ernment for meeting the drought situation in the State; f so, whether the Centre have t details as to how this amount Ly to be spen so, what are the districts in the State where this amount is to be spent and how much has already been spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE 'ENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Madhya Pradesh in their Memoranda sought Central assistance of Rs. 88.03 crores for drought relief.

(b) and (c) As per information received from Government of Madhya Pradesh. Rs. 48.61 crores has been spent on Employment Generation Pro grammes and Drinking Water Scheme from April to December, 1988 in the districts of Rewa, Sahdol, Sidhi, Satna; Raipur, Durg and Rajnandgaon where crop failure has been reported.

**Progress of Poverty Alleviation Programme**

422. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the feast one year the scope of property elleviation programme was enlade number 33 were taken to make their implementation effective;

(b) if so to what extent development was improved gthened;

(c) the number of people I by this programme till date;

(d) the total No. cf families covered under the scheme and helped uptil and

what are the further steps being taken to improve the position further ig 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINiSTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is a major alleviation programme. During the current year a number of steps have been initiated to make the programme more effective. These include Group Life Insurance Scheme, emphasis on diversification of activities, qualitative monitoring and marketing of IRDP products.

(c) and (d) During the current year, it is targeted to assist 31.94 lakhs families. Upto December 1988, 23.62 lakhs families have beeₙ assisted.

(c) The improvement in the implementation of programme is continuous process and steps for iprovement will be taken on the basiₛ of findings/ recommendations of various research studies and reports etc. as and when they become available.